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—Discussion of Hawaii.

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ADMINISTRATION PLANS

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**SPECIAL TO THE CATERPILLAR.**

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 8. With the exception of the passage of some bills, the House of Representatives has been engaged in discussion of the Hawaiian Treaty. The result of the vote on the treaty cannot be accurately forecasted, though it will be very close.

The adverse committee report on the seating of Corbett is now being considered by the Senate. All proceedings are against the seating of Corbett as the Legislature, having the

Commerce has reported favorably on the anti-scalping bill, including an amendment offered by Senator William against the issuance of free passes except as provided in the act to regulate commerce approved February 4th last.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Blair, of Winston, were here last week. Mr. Blair directed the executive committee meeting of the Sound Money League.

Among the North Carolinians in the Senate are the Hon. J. P. Satterfield, Attorney Holton, W. D. Cowles, Statesville, Faison Calvert, of Jackson, and Claude Dockery.

Since the passage by such a large vote in the Senate of the Teller resolution, it is now certain that the United States Commerce and Revenue will abandon all efforts to

adoption of the idea of the administration on that subject—for it could not be passed in the Senate. It is believed that the abandonment of the administration plans will probably end in May. The House has already passed eight of the appropriation bills, and the Senate has made good progress with them.

Jerry Simpson is one of the best fighters in the House. He has courage, energy and ability, and is well known on public questions. He had lively tilt with Dingley the other day and came off with flying colors. It seems that Mr. Simpson learned at the champion of protection for

arked "London," showing that the hat was of foreign make, and Jerry took occasion to say that he thought very bad taste for the great advantage of protection to American-made hats, that Dingley, of men should wear only American-made goods, since he claimed tariff was needed for American industries, should not patronize foreigners in buying his hats. This brought the speaker to his feet, instantly. He said to make a defense, but silence would have been wiser and better for him. His explanation plunged him really deeper in the hole than Jerry had put him. He said that he bought his hats from the French and that that firm, in order to command a higher price has stamped the hat "London," thus showing if this were

tion on the American people. His explanation did not explain, and Mr. Dingley will not hear to the "London" hat. Some Republicans discussing the matter among themselves said:

"Some traitor on our side must've told Simpson about that hat," remarked one member.

"If I told him that, as that hurt," asked another.

"Well, I should say so," remarked a Western man. "All over my country the Democrats will charge that Dingley thinks so little of the American people that he wears a London-made hat. All his explanations will avail nothing. We will never see the last of Dingley's hat."

Congressman Linney was the only Republican member of the House

his speech he said that he was opposed to the free and unlimited coinage of silver, but favored free coinage of the American product. This like the International agreement nonsense. Pearson voted against the resolution and White answered "resent" when his name was called. Congressman Harry Skinner has introduced a bill to establish in the district of Columbia a national training school for women. He introduced the bill at the instance of Mrs. Patton. The measure is endorsed by

the women's associations throughout the United States. - Mrs. Cotton is behind the measure, and will bring powerful influence to bear in its favor. Mr. Skinner will urge the passage of the bill at every stage. An appropriation of \$10,000 is asked to begin the preliminary work.

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**DUBOIS PREDICTS VICTORY.**

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As the Silver Forces are Bound to Win

SLACKFOOT, Idaho, Feb. 1.—Ex-Senator Dubois, chairman of the Executive Committee of the National Silver publican party, left for the East tonight, at the request of the Silver leaders, to confer with them for the purpose of confining all efforts for the passage of the bill to the Senate in Dubois's hands. The vote in the Senate in favor of the Teller resolution convinced the silver advocates that there is a close tie between the silver forces in 1898 and 1900 is certain. Under the contemplated arrangement the Populist party will be the one to lead the democratic parties will each maintain a distinct organization.

Populist Congressional Committee.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 5.—The populists in Congress have completed an organization with Representatives Bell, of Colorado, Chairman; of the joint caucus, Representatives Smith, of North Carolina, as Secretary, and Senator Harlan, of Kansas, as chairman of the Congressional Committee.



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Until there is some radical change in the Democratic machine of this State, which machine calls itself the Democratic party, we shall make every effort of which we are capable to obstruct its success and warn the people against it, and will fight with all the energy we can command, the silver-plated, goldbug organs which call themselves Democratic papers. We shall tell of its past recklessness and incompetence; we shall illustrate its hypocrisy; we shall expose its malice and its rascality; we shall prove that it is an organized defamer and liar.

As long as it takes its bosom free silver papers and goldbug organs with out official distinction, we shall, oppose it. As long as it professes one thing in a platform and does an exactly opposite thing in the halls of the State legislature, we shall fight it. As long as it professes to favor certain measures and principles, and then denounces the only men who are earnestly and officially seeking to establish these measures and principles, we shall denounce it. As long as it associates with itself as its representative a journalism that can and does seek to make political capital out of the misfortune or indiscretion of a member of the family of any official, we shall condemn it.

As long as it countenances by approval or by silence a journalism whose highest ambition and noblest achievement are to invent and apply nicknames to public officials, we shall despise it. As long as it remains as it now is we can and shall defeat it. We desire, however, to make it plainly understood that in fighting and denouncing this machine and its journalism, we have no complaint against the voters or the people generally who have voted with the machine. We understand how they have allowed themselves to be deceived and imposed upon, and we know something of the courage required to break away from a prevailing community sentiment and from old affiliations of a political nature. But we have a firm confidence that all this deception will end and that all necessary courage will come. This confidence is based on a deep-rooted belief in the integrity and justice which prevail among the people if the people will once get on the alert. For four years past there have been absolute evidences of the fact that the people are waking up, and these evidences are on an encouraging and gratifying increase year after year. We do not know when a sufficient number will be so thoroughly awake as to affect a government for the people, instead of for rings and trusts, but we do know the time will come. Our condemnation of the machine and its spiteful and contemptible journalism should be accompanied by broad and liberal effort to expedite the awakening of those who are yet too sleepy to see the truth, or who are yet waiting in courage to defy and despise the petty little cliques and rings in towns and cities. There should be no condemnation of these people. They are sure to be our strongest supporters and builders as soon as they shall understand that the machine papers they read have succeeded in duping and deceiving them.

So let us fight the machine and its journalism—not the people; for on the people depend the people's interest and their freedom from the exactions of organized conspiracy and plunder. Let us not be discouraged if progress is slow. It required many years for the French people to free themselves from the oppression and plunder of the haughty nobles and rulers of that country. It required forty years or more of agitation to effect the abolition of chattel slavery in this country. It may require many years for the people to achieve a victory over the present system of national, legalized robbery of themselves, but they can achieve it. If they fail to fight now and all the time, the robbery and oppression will increase. To keep it down alone is losing fighting for.

Many years ago a prophecy and belief were expressed by a man who had a heart for the people, and who believed in their ultimate emancipation. This man was Tennyson, and some of his lines and utterances approximate grandeur. A few quotations are here given from Locksley Hall:

What is that which shall turn to, lighting upon days like these?  
Every door is barred with gold, and opens but to golden keys.  
Every gate is thronged with suitors, all the markets overflow.  
I have but an angry fancy: what is that which I should do?  
Men, my brothers, men the workers, ever reaping something new:  
That which they have done but earnest of the things that they shall do.  
For I dip into the future, far as human eye could see,<  
Saw the Vision of the world, and all the wonder that would be.

Saw the heavens fill with commerce, argosies of magic sails,  
Pilotage of twilight, dropping down with costly bales,  
Far along the world-wide whisper of the south-wind rushing warm,  
With its serenade of poppies, and its song of saffron,  
Till the war-drum throbbed no longer, and the battle-battle were furled,  
In the Parliament of man, the Federation of the world,  
There the common sense of the most shallow hold a frugal realm in awe,  
And the kindly earth shall slumber in a lap of universal law.  
So I triumph, ere my passion sweeping through me left me dry,  
Left me with the pained heart, and left me with the pained eye.

Eye, to which all order festers, all things here are out of joint.  
Science moves, but slowly, creeping on from point to point.  
Yet I doubt not though the ages are increasing round us,  
And the thoughts of men are widening with the process of the suns.  
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The "Nauseous Lie Server" is for anything that "she thinks" might win, from trading with Speaker Webster and the Independents for the State printing in 1887, up to holding a government job under goldbugs Cleveland and Hoke Smith, and then carrying Bryan's grip sack from Raleigh to Boston. She has been against the lease against free passes, against the gold standard, against monopoly, and then she turns right around and splutters at and tries to scandalize the only men who have ever fought these evils in this State. She is almost anything except what she professes to be.

ANOTHER BIG TRUST FORMED.  
The three large cracker biscuit corporations of New York, Pittsburgh and Chicago are organizing this week in one trust with \$30,000,000 capital. These three corporations have secured control of all the other large factories of the country and all small ones will be forced out of business. This is an almost everyday occurrence. If a stop is not put to it, soon every business in the country will be monopolized into a few mammoth industrial trusts. This thing will go on until those who are opposed to monopolies and trusts vote to remove the causes that inevitably produce and foster trusts. Congress made its fatal mistake when it allowed the three great instruments of commerce which are natural monopolies to go into the hands of private corporations. This blunder created the first three trusts known in our country. These are the parent trusts. Those who control the instruments of commerce can put any and every line of business into a trust at will—a trust is the logical result of all the evils that now curse the body politic. A trust cannot be organized and maintained during a period of general prosperity. The causes that produce hard times are the causes that produce and foster trusts. A trust is the child of business stagnation and feeds upon hard times; when once organized it aggravates the evil conditions that gave it birth. Therefore let us apply the anti-monopoly doctrine of Thos. Jefferson and remove the great parent trusts and thus remove the causes that have produced and are today producing the great aggregations of monster industrial trusts.

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## A LITTLE SUFFERER

Face, Hands and Arms Covered With Scrofulous Humors—How a Cure Was Effected.  
"When five years ago my little boy had scrofula on his face, hands and arms, it was worst on his chin, although the sores on his cheeks and hands were very bad. It appeared in the form of red pimples and broke out in fevers, break open and run and then scab over. After disappearing they would break out again. They caused intense itching and the little sufferer had to be watched continually to keep him from scratching his face. We became greatly alarmed at his condition. His wife's mother had had scrofula and the only medicine which had helped her was Hood's Sarsaparilla. We decided to give it to our boy and we noted an improvement in his case very soon. After giving him four bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla the humor had all been driven out of his blood and it has never since returned." WILLIAM BARTZ, 419 South Williams St., South Bend, Indiana.  
You can buy Hood's Sarsaparilla of all druggists. Be sure to get only Hood's.

Hood's Pills  
"The Pills of Hood's Sarsaparilla are having much to say about the sweet innocence of their masters in the free pass business. They claim that the passes through all the years have been given and accepted without the knowledge or notice on the part of the railroad or the individuals who accepted them, that there was nothing in the law that prohibited them. As to individuals outside of railroad circles, this is true; but how about the railroad magistrates, attorneys and lawyers? Didn't they know that they knew that the North Carolina Railroad law in this respect was copied from the Inter-State Commission law? Didn't they know that Judge Cooley, the famous lawyer and chairman of the Inter-State Railroad Commission had decided that the words of the statute did prohibit free passes? Didn't they know that time and time again decisions had been rendered by the Inter-State Commission, construing the words of the statute and holding that these words prohibit free passes? Didn't they read the cases on this point reported in the reports of the Inter-State Commission? For example, see Vol. 5th, page 69 and Vol. 3d, page 300 and Vol. 3d, page 387 and Vol. 2d page 363. Didn't they know of this? If they did not, what were they there for? What were they paid for? Do they want to come up now and plead the baby act and have the world believe that they are a set of fools, too stupid or too lazy to keep up with the decision of the courts on these matters, vitally affecting their own business."  
As the boys say, "that racket won't work." They did know it, they knew all about it; but there were some other things also that they knew. They knew that they had been using free passes to work political conventions and to lobby legislatures. They knew they had succeeded at it, they knew that they had a Railroad Commission which was winking at it and protecting it. They thought it had a vote in fee on Governors and Judges and Railroad Commissioners.  
That's where they slipped; but when the indictments come on them, it will be great fun to hear them plead ignorance. How many Judges will be humbugged by that clatter?

AN AVANCEMENT OF LIES.  
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